

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

**ROGER DALE SMITH,**

**Plaintiff,**

**-vs-**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Defendant.**

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**Case No. 1:97-cr-029-01**

**Case No. 1:00-cv-542**

**District Judge Susan J. Dlott**

**Chief Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz**

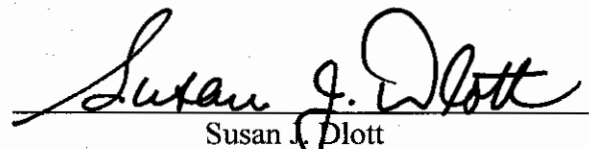
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**ORDER OF REFERENCE**

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(A), (B), and (C) and §636(b)(3), the above-captioned action is hereby referred to United States Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz. The Magistrate Judge is empowered to deal with all pretrial and post-judgment motions and procedures, whether dispositive or not, and to render a report and recommendations to the Court on any matters classified as dispositive by statute or precedent. No transcript need be prepared on non-dispositive matters.

Dated:

  
Susan J. Dlott  
United States District Judge